Celery . . .	1990-91	3600	3199	4.14
	1991-92	3600	3459	5.85
	1992-93/(P)	NA	3138	4.67
Garlic . . .	1989-90	332700	2211	1.77
	1990-91	350400	4023	2.57
	1991-92	356300	10282	8.28
	1992-93(P)	NA	7483	7.00

(P) Provisional.

SOURCE : Spices Board

Target in Coal Imports

4321. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKARDAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that coal imports or likely imports in the next five years would be around 10 million tonnes of various varieties and grades of coal annually ;

(b) if so, whether this imported coal would be cheaper as compared to local coal due to reduction of import duty from 85 per cent to 35 per cent;

(c) if so, the details of the price of Imported coal and local coal of similar varieties and grades;

(d) whether CIL is considering flexible price regime of coal and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the figures of the coal production during the last three years with profits and losses of CIL?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) In view of the free importability of coal under the current Export and Import Policy, its likely import in terms of quantity, varieties and grades cannot be estimated. Currently, low ash coking coal on which duty has not been reduced is being imported for blending purposes by the Steel Plants to meet their requirements as it indigenous production is not adequate. The effect of reduction of Customs Duty on coal in general shall be known only in due course of time. The data of prices of imported coal and local coal of similar varieties and grades has not been maintained.

(d) Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, have in their interim policy recommendations suggested decontrol of prices of coking coal and some grades of non-coking coal.

(e) Figures of coal production and profits by the Coal India Ltd. in the last three years are given below :—

Year	Coal production in CIL (in Million Tonnes)	Profit (in Rs. crores)
1991-92	204.14	(+) 167.07
1992-93 .	211.22	(+) 291.27
1993 94 . (Provisional)	216.09	*

*In 1993-94 also Coal India Ltd. is likely to make profit but audited figures are not yet available.

US Insistence on Social Clause in Geneva Talks

4322. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that United States have lately been insistent on inclusion of a Social clause in the Geneva Talks of Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) especially that relating to environment, human rights, cheap labour and child labour ;

(b) if so, what is the precise plea of the U.S.; and

(c) what stand has been taken by India in this regard ?